

Article IX:

Elders

Section 1: Elder Special Duty -

The Elders, only by a unanimous decision of all twelve (excluding the 13th as Shidoshi) may hold a special session to oust the Shidoshi. The special session must have all Elders present. Any Elder may call this special session at any time deemed necessary. The Chief Coordinating Officer will preside over the special session.

Section 2: Grounds for Special Session -

The special session may be called on the following grounds:

- i. Unable to lead due to mental health,
- ii. Unable to lead due to being incapacitated (i.e. coma, spinal cord dysfunction from the neck down, and/or loss of contact from all Elders of Konigun for more than a year),
- iii. Reckless disregard for the orderly running of Konigun,
- iv. Trial by combat has delivered an inappropriate Shidoshi.

Section 3: Elder Appointment -

- i. In time of deployment by the armed services any Elder may be substituted, but upon the return from deployment (any branch of the armed services) the Elder will regain his/her position as an Elder.
- ii. All Elders and Substitute Elders will be appointed by Shidoshi.

Section 4: Elder Ousted -

- i. Elders may only be ousted by Shidoshi (C.E.O.).
- ii. Elders have the right to appeal their oust at an appeal session. The Elder will post the appeal to the Chief Coordinating Officer. The Chief Coordinating Officer will call a special session within 30 days of the appeal being posted. The appeal must be posted within 10 days of the ousting. If the appeal is from an ousted C.C.O. then the appeal is made to the C.F.O.

Section 5: Grievance Appeal -

- i. The chain of command for an appeal of grievance is:

<u>PERSON</u>	<u>TIME TO APPEAL</u>	<u>TIME TO RESPOND</u>
Instructor	1 week	5 days
Family Head (E.O.)	1 week	2 weeks
Jurist Elder (C.J.O.)	2 weeks	1 month
Shidoshi (C.E.O.)	2 weeks	N/A

- ii. At the expiration of the allotted time to respond, an appeal to the next level is acceptable.
- iii. While a direct appeal to the jurist officer is acceptable, the opportunity for a lower level appeal on the issue at a later date is forfeited.